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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA:DISCOURAGEMENT OF POTENTIAL  
HOSTILE COSPONSORS-SUDAN

REF: STATE 218647

1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH BRITISH CHARGE WHO IS CHAIRMAN  
LOCAL CORE GROUP AND WITH ROK CONSUL GENERAL, CHARGE  
DISCUSSED KOREAN ISSUE AT 31ST UNGA SEPT 7 WITH MINISTER  
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRANCIS DENG, WHO IN ABSENCE  
OF FONMIN IS SENIOR OFFICIAL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. CHARGE  
PROVIDED DENG WITH COPIES OF TEXTS OF BOTH HOSTILE AND  
FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS AND RELATED EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA  
AND HE MADE GENERAL POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. IN  
ADDITION CHARGE SAID THAT IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT  
FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS GOS POSITION ON KOREA ARE (A) THAT  
RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM BE BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND (B) THAT  
BOTH KOREAS PARTICIPATE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS. IF SO, IT  
FOLLOWS THAT IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT FOR GOS TO CO-SPONSOR  
HOSTILE RESOLUTION SINCE IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD LEAD TO  
HOSTILITIES IF IMPLEMENTED AND IT DOES NOT MAKE PROVISION  
FOR ROK ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. DENG WAS CAREFUL IN HIS REPLY NOT TO COMMIT SUDAN NOW.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT CHARGE'S DESCRIPTION OF GOS POSITION WAS ACCURATE. HE STOPPED SHORT OF AGREEING NOT TO CO-SPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION SINCE, DENG ARGUED, SITUATION WAS STILL EVOLVING. HE SAID THAT THROUGH NEGOTIATION IT WAS AT LEAST THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE THAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION COULD BE CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY TO ALLOW GOS TO SUPPORT IT. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT AS IS, GOS CANNOT AND WILL NOT CO-SPONSOR DPRK RESOLUTION. DENG TOLD CHARGE THAT WHEN NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON HIM WEEK OR SO AGO TO SEEK GOS SUPPORT, HE WAS TOLD THAT VIEWS OF OTHER SIDE (I.E. SOUTH KOREA) MUST BE HEARD.

3. DENG STRESSED THAT GOS HAD TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION WITHIN ARAB, AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED GROUPINGS AS WELL AS DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. CHARGE NOTED THAT KOREAN ISSUE IN UN WAS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND SENSITIVITY IN US AND URGED DENG TO TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION. DENG, WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED TOUR IN US AS SUDANESE AMBASSADOR, APPRECIATED THIS POINT. HOWEVER, HE SAID GOS DESIRE WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE COMPROMISE AND WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS CREATIVE FLEXIBILITY BY BOTH SIDES.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED ABOVE DENG WAS CAREFUL NOT TO COMMIT GOS, BUT ON BALANCE WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT GOS WILL CO-SPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED. GOS SUBSTANTIVE POSITION FALLS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN DPRK AND USG POSITIONS. SIMILARLY, WHILE GOS PRESENTLY SEEKING BETTER RELATIONS WITH US AND PRESUMABLY, THEREFORE, WOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO ANTAGONIZE US, SUDAN REMAINS SUBJECT TO VARIETY OF PRESSURES FROM SEVERAL ARAB, AFRICAN AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED SOURCES.

5. MEANWHILE, NORTH KOREANS CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE AS WELL. NOT CLEAR HOW SUCCESSFULLY SOUTH KOREANS HERE CAN MATCH NORTH KOREAN EFFORT. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SOUTH KOREAN CONGEN KIM, WHO HAS BEEN HERE LESS THAN MONTH, THAT NIMEIRI SUMMONED HIM RECENTLY AND SUGGESTED THAT SUDANESE SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA LIKELY TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY IF SOUTH KOREANS COULD PROVIDE FIVE NINE-STORY LUXURY APARTMENT UNITS WORTH \$15 MILLION FOR VIP USE

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DURING 1978 OAU SUMMIT WHICH SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE HERE. KIM TOLD CHARGE THAT PRESIDENT PARK WOULD NEVER AGREE TO SUCH A GIVE-AWAY. BOGOSIAN

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